



PeaceWise Foundational Statements

PeaceWise vision and purpose

Our vision: To see vast numbers of people passionately living and sharing Jesus' promise: "Blessed are the peacemakers".

Our purpose: Promoting peace and reconciliation in relationships through biblical principles and the power of Christ.

PeaceWise statement of faith

This statement reflects a contemporary summary of the central doctrines in the Bible, which are also presented in the historic creeds of the Christian church.

- The Bible is God's unique revelation to people. It is the inspired, infallible Word of God, and the supreme and final authority on all matters upon which it teaches. No other writings are vested with such divine authority.
- There is only one God, creator of heaven and earth, who exists eternally as three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each fully God yet each personally distinct from the other.
- All people are created in God's image and matter deeply to Him. Central to the message of the Bible is that God loves people and invites them to live in communion with Himself and in community with each other.
- Apart from Jesus Christ, all people are spiritually lost and, because of sin, deserve the judgment of God. However, God gives salvation and eternal life to anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ and in His sacrifice on his or her behalf. Salvation cannot be earned through personal goodness or human effort. It is a gift that must be received by humble repentance and faith in Christ and His finished work on the cross.
- Jesus Christ, second Person of the Trinity, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless human life, willingly took upon Himself all of our sins, died and rose again bodily, and is at the right hand of the Father as our advocate and mediator. Some day, He will return to consummate history and to fulfil the eternal plan of God.
- The Holy Spirit, third Person of the Trinity, convicts the world of sin and draws people to Christ. He also indwells all believers. He is available to empower them to lead Christ-like lives, and gives them spiritual gifts with which to serve the church and reach out to a lost and needy world.
- Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. At the final judgment, unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. Believers will be received into God's loving presence and rewarded for their faithfulness to Him in this life.
- All believers are members of the body of Christ, the one true church universal. Spiritual unity is to be expressed among Christians by acceptance and love of one another across ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, national, generational, gender, and denominational lines.
- The local church is a congregation of believers who gather for worship, prayer, instruction, encouragement, mutual accountability, and community with each other. Through it, believers invest time, energy, and resources to fulfil the Great Commission — reaching lost people and growing them into fully devoted followers of Christ.

PeaceWise core values statement

In promoting peace and reconciliation through relationships and the power of Christ we embrace these values:

P eace

We are passionately committed to seeking to be instruments for God's peace through teaching peacemaking, being peacemakers and equipping others to do the same

E ncouragement

We will be encouragers and bring hope to those discouraged by conflict

A ccountability

As the church has been granted the ministry of reconciliation, we promote mutual accountability within the body of believers

C hrist

Christ is our hope and motivation for helping others with conflict. Through our work, we prayerfully desire to bear witness to Christ and to bring others into closer relationship with him

E xample

We strive to live out what we teach about peacemaking, and especially in the conflicts we face in our own lives and in our ministry

W isdom

As the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, we acknowledge that God leads and directs all that we do and we run our ministry accordingly

I ntegrity

We are open, honest and honour our commitments

S cripture

As the Bible is our infallible and fully sufficient guidebook for all matters of faith and human behaviour, we actively and openly use it as a central plank of our peacemaking teaching and work

E mpowerment

We depend upon and are empowered by God's Holy Spirit as we seek to serve others

PeaceWise relational commitments

Each PeaceWise employee, volunteer and contractor commits to the principles of Christian relationship found in the Bible in our dealings in any way connected with PeaceWise and those with whom we may interact when representing PeaceWise.

In particular, we commit, with the help of the Holy Spirit:

- to walk together in Christian love with all people who work within or for PeaceWise;
- to seek to support the work of PeaceWise and Christian peacemaking as we are able;
- to address matters of conflict in a biblical and godly manner consistent with the principles for peacemaking that are promoted by PeaceWise; and
- if it is possible, as far as it depends on us, to live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:18).

Philosophy of ministry

We seek to live out in our ministry the following 'Kingdom path' behaviours, taken from *The Choice* by Gary Hoag and others. Summarised, they are described as the Ten marks of Christ-centred ministry.

Steward Leadership	Submission to the Father
	Filled, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit
Faithfulness-focused strategies	Prayerful strategic planning
	Raising kingdom resources
Eternity orientated metrics	Ministry accountability
	Transparent financial administration
Relationship based management	Serving people humbly
	Doing everything in love
Stewardship view of resources	Mobilising spiritually gifted people
	Radical Christian generosity